Alberta Finance

Economic Bulletin

ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED DURING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12, 2001 TO NOVEMBER 16, 2001

	Reference Period	Month/Previous Month (m/m)	Month/Previous Year's Month (y/y)	Comments
New Motor Vehicle Sales	September			New motor vehicle sales in Canada slumped in September, interrupting the upward trend of new motor vehicle sales that began at the start of the year. A steep drop in September truck sales led the retreat, but strong incentives from manufacturers may have tempered the size of the decrease. New vehicle sales decreased in all provinces in September, with the largest decreases in Nova Scotia (-10.5%) and the B.C. and territories area (-9.8%). Sales in Alberta decreased 6.2% in September to 14,828 units, and are down 7.2% from a year ago. For year-to-date sales, the only provinces posting year-over-year gains were Alberta (5.0%), B.C. and territories (0.6%), and Quebec (0.2%).
Canada	127,386	-5.3%	-13.2%	
Alberta	14,828	-6.2%	-7.2%	
Industrial Product Price Index	September			Industrial product prices advanced slightly in September. Manufacturer's prices, as measured by this index, posted a year-over-year increase of 0.6%. Excluding petroleum and coal product prices, the index would have risen 1.5% from September 2000. Price increases for motor vehicles, lumber, and meat products contributed to the yearly increase in the index, offset by price decreases for petroleum and coal products, primary metal products, and pulp and paper products.
(1992 = 100)	129.2	0.5%	0.6%	
Raw Materials Price Index	September			Prices of raw materials declined 9.8% in September from a year ago. The year-over-year decline was mostly due to decreased prices of mineral fuels (-17.3%), non-ferrous metals (-15.7%), and wood products (-12.5%). Prices for vegetable products (9.6%), animals and animal products (3.5%), and ferrous materials (0.5%) increased from September 2001.
(1992=100)	135.4	-2.4%	-9.8%	